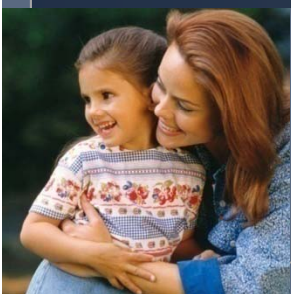


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Purpose of the Wiki

1. Provide research guidance in a central location
2. Share knowledge with each other

Topics Covered in this presentation:

1. How to Register
2. Searching for Wiki Articles
3. Create and Edit Wiki Articles

What is a Wiki?

- A free online collection of information
- Anyone may search for information *without registering*
- Anyone may edit or add information *after registering*

1. How to Register as a User

wiki.familysearch.org (no “www”)

Why Register?

- Users do not need to register to search for articles
- Benefits of registration:
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 - Create new pages or articles
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Registration Demo:

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This [How To Register](#)  demo shows you the step-by-step process.

Need additional help?

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What kind of account do you want to create?

- ☐ **LDS FamilySearch Account** (LDS Account for members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints)
- ☐ **FamilySearch Account** (for the general public)

Please fill in all of the information.

First name

Example: Peter, if your name is Peter Hansen.

Last name

Example: Hansen, if your name is Peter Hansen. If you have a double surname, you may use one or both names.

Display name

Example: Peter Hansen. The display name is the name you want others to know you by in FamilySearch.

User name

After Clicking “Register,” You’ll See:



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You are just about finished. An e-mail to activate your account was sent to this address: nixiao@comcast.net

IMPORTANT:

To activate your account, please go to the inbox of your e-mail account, and locate the e-mail titled "FamilySearch Account Activation." Within this e-mail follow the instructions to activate your account. **You must do this within 48 hours, or you will need to register again.**

Note: If you have problems finding our e-mail, please look in your junk mailbox, or check your Spam filter. You can also contact us:

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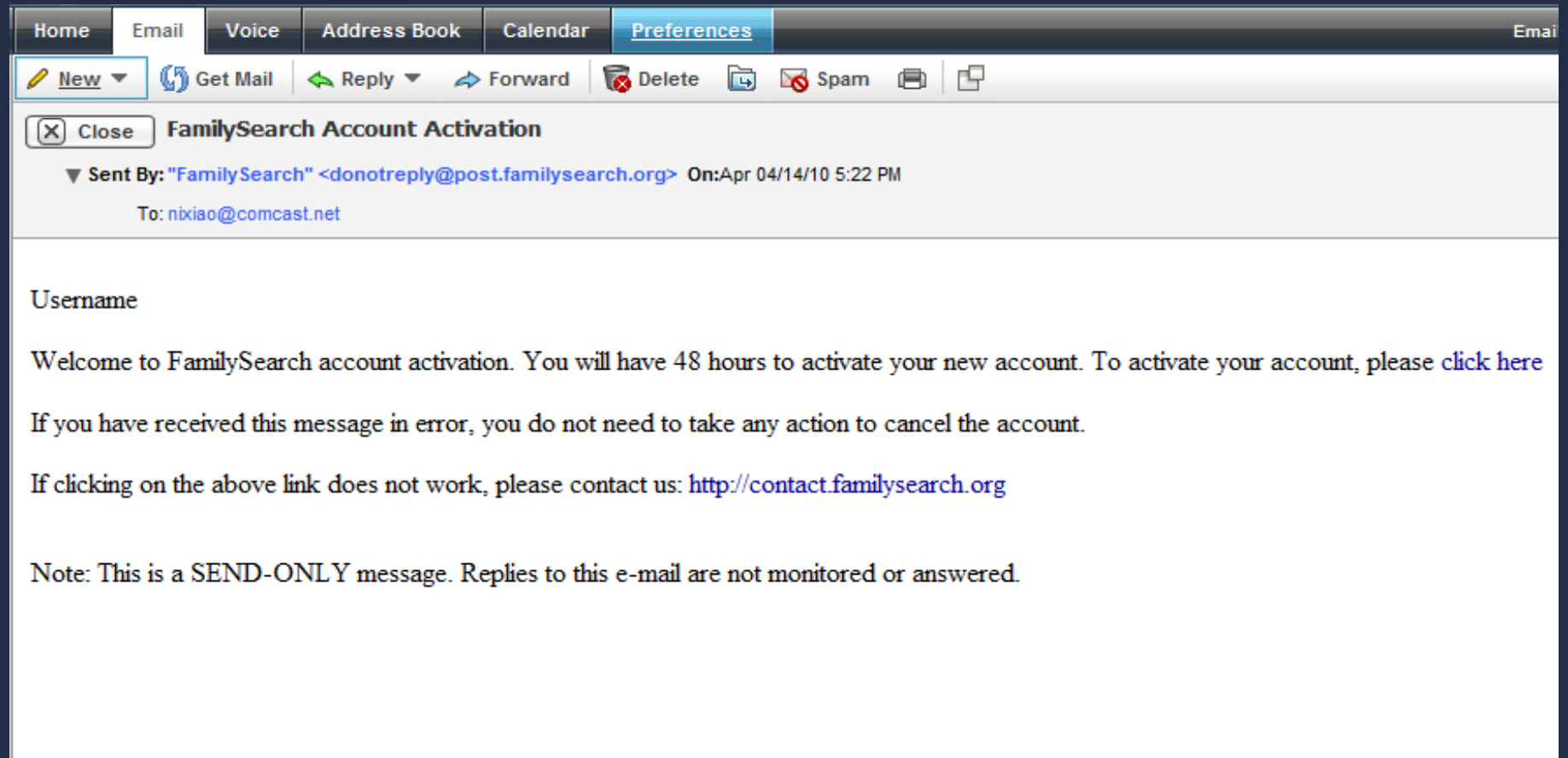
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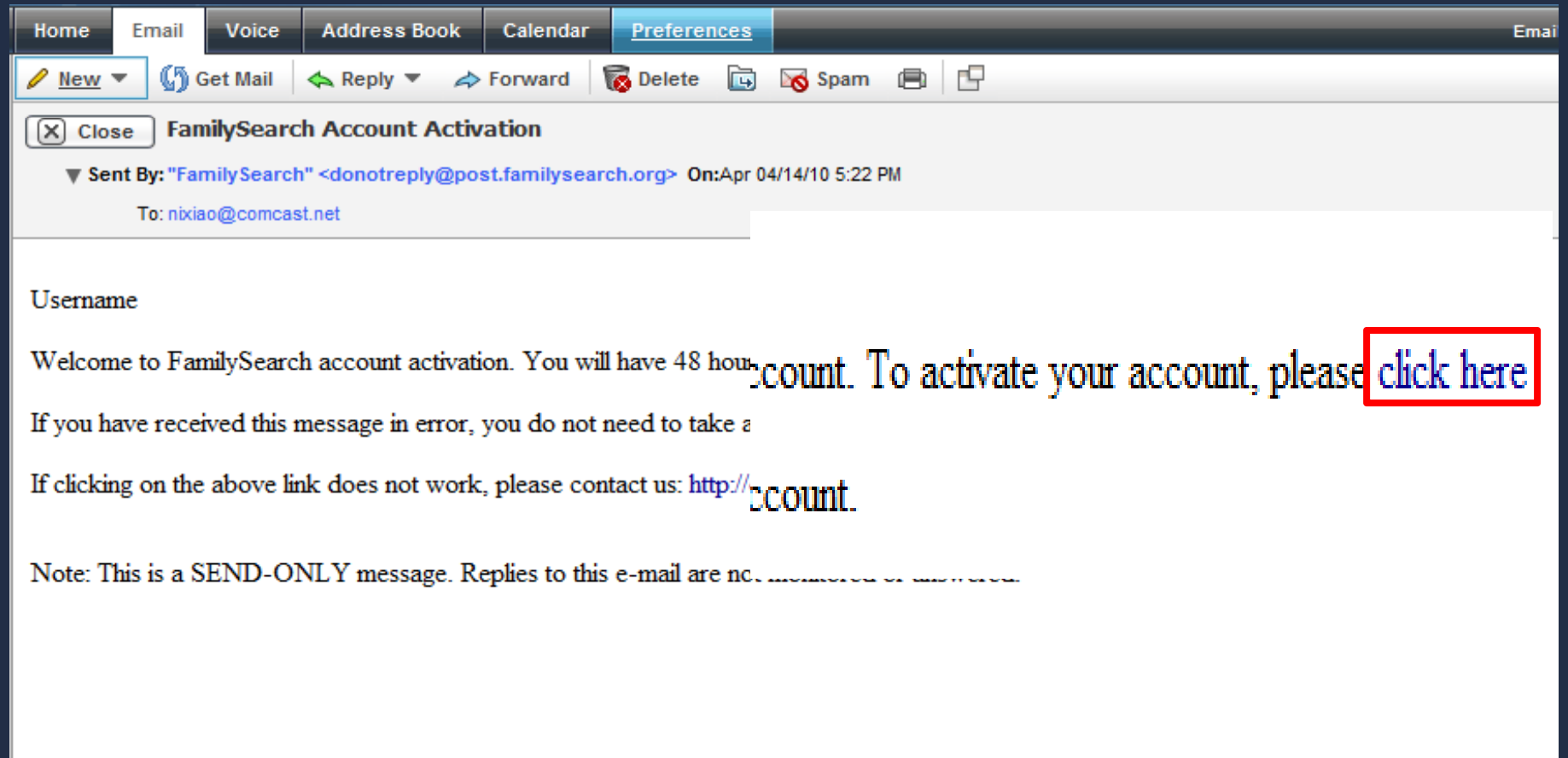
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Sample E-mail message



Click on Link in E-mail to Activate



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2. Search for Wiki Articles

Search for Research Help

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Getting started with Danish research

Welcome to the Denmark page!

FamilySearch Wiki is a community website dedicated to helping people throughout the world learn how to find their ancestors. Through the Denmark page you can learn how to find, use, and analyze Danish records of genealogical value. The content is variously targeted to beginners, intermediate, and expert researchers. Please visit the [help page](#) to learn more about using the site. The Denmark page is a work in progress, your contributions and [feedback](#) are essential!

Featured Content

Learning about your ancestor's everyday life, social structure, religious practices, customs, and traditions will enhance your research abilities. This information is especially helpful if you choose to write your family's history. There are 4 new articles found under Topic: Denmark: Social Life and Customs [Read more...](#)

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Danish Research: What's the next step?

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Select a specific relative or ancestor born in Denmark for whom you know at least a name, the village or parish where he or she lived in Denmark, and an approximate date when he or she lived there. It is also very helpful to know the names of other family members born in Denmark.

As you look over your Family Group Records, or Pedigree Charts, ask yourself "What do I want to find next?" Common goals might be:

- The last person on a specific line of your Pedigree Chart.
- A missing parent on the Family Group Sheet
- A gap between the birth years of the children on a Family Group Record (a wide enough gap that there may be missing children in between siblings)
- Finding the last children to the parents (during the Mothers' child bearing years).
- To find the birth date and place for an individual listed on the Family Group Record without one.
- Locating the marriage date and place for the parents on a Family Group Record.

For suggestions on finding an immigrant ancestor's birthplace, see the ["Emigration and Immigration"](#) section through the Denmark: Portal of the FamilySearch Wiki.

Next, decide what you want to learn about your ancestor, such as where and when he was married, or the names of his parents. You may want to ask an experienced researcher to help you select a goal that you can achieve.

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Denmark: Emigration and Immigration

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Emigration and immigration sources list the names of people leaving (emigrating) or coming into (immigrating) a country. Danish emigration records can be a useful source of genealogical information. They are usually found as passenger lists. The information in these records includes the emigrants' names, ages, occupations, and destinations and often the places of birth and last places of residence.

These sources can be very valuable in helping you determine where in Denmark your ancestor came from. They can also help in constructing family groups. If you do not find your ancestor, you may find emigration information about your ancestor's neighbors. People who lived near each other in Denmark sometimes settled together in the country they emigrated to.

Beginning in the 1820s, people emigrated from Denmark to destinations such as the United States, Canada, Australia, Latin America, and the islands of the South Pacific. Most early emigrants settled in the United States in the Midwest and the prairie provinces of Canada. In the 1860s, large numbers of Danish converts to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints emigrated to the United States, and many settled in Utah. Emigration from Denmark gradually increased in the 1870s, peaking in the early 1880s.

Passenger Lists

Most Danish emigrants left through the port of København (Copenhagen). The departure records from this port are called passenger lists. These lists begin in 1869. The information in them varies over time, but it usually includes the emigrants' names, ages, occupations, and destinations. Relationships and last residence or birthplace may also be given.

The original records of Copenhagen can be found at the national archive. The Family History Library has microfilm copies of these records dating from 1869 to 1911. You can also search the Copenhagen Emigration Records through <http://www.emiarch.dk/home.php3?l=en>.

You will find microform copies of the original Copenhagen emigration records by doing a Place search of the Family History Library Catalog under DENMARK - EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION.

The Copenhagen emigration records are divided into direct and indirect emigration. If, after leaving Copenhagen, a ship travelled

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The term **genealogy** is used in this outline and in the Family History...

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How to Guess Where to Start

Learn to guess names, places, dates, the best event in a person's life to research first, and how to guess sources for that event. (beginning family history, beginning genealogy, beginning research, getting started, starting family history, starting genealogy, starting research, how do I start, how to start)

Five fundamental guessing skills will help you get started on genealogy research. Each involves being able to guess some **additional** information based on what is already shown on a family group record.

So, the best way to start is to prepare a family group record showing everything you know about the family.

Then using the partly-completed family group record be able to:

1. Guess a **spelling variation** for every name on that family group.
2. Guess a **place** for every event on that family group.
3. Guess a **date** for every event on that family group.
4. Guess the **easiest** (and **hardest**) **person** and **event** to research on that family group.
5. Guess the **best record types to use** for finding information about any person's event on that family group.

The links above explain how to guess these key pieces of information when they are unknown or uncertain.

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Just because an ancestor always spelled his name the same way, that does **NOT GUARANTEE** it was always spelled that way by a clerk or by an indexer. If your first search fails to find an ancestor, consider the possibility the name is spelled differently than you expect. In fact, experienced genealogists worry their skills are slipping if they are not finding several documents with unexpected spellings of the name.

Be prepared to hunt for elusive ancestors in a variety of ways and under a variety of name spellings.

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Translated immigrant surname.

Some immigrants translate their surname into English. For example, *Schneider* means *Tailor*. If your ancestor was born in a foreign-language speaking nation, look for him under **both** the English and foreign-language version of the surname. Use dictionaries (such as German-English) to find possible name translations. For lists of such dictionaries use the [Family History Library Catalog Subject Search](#) for "language ."

Translated immigrant given name.

Look for **both** foreign language and English versions of given names, for example, *Andrew* = *Andreas*. Get help from the given name dictionary in 25 languages: Wanda Janowowa, et. al., [Słownik Imion](#) (Wrocław [Poland]: Narodowy Imienia Ossolińskich Wydawnictwo, 1975.) [FHL INTL Reference 940 D4si; Fiche 6000839]

Vowels.

Look for the name spelled with different vowels. For example, look for GILLESPIE under GALLESPIE.

Double letters.

Search the index for the name with double letters added or deleted. For example, for the name FULLER, try FULER. For the name BAKER, try BAKKER.

Transposed Letters.

Look for the elusive name under spellings with each of the first four letters transposed. For example, look for WIGHT under IWGHT, WGIHT, WIHGT, AND WIGTH.

Misread letters.

Use the [Commonly Misread Letters Table](#)^[2] to find letters which were possibly substituted in the spelling of the name. Using this table, the name CARTER might be under GARTER, EARTER, OARTER, CEARTER, CEIRTER, CAETER, CASTER and so forth.

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